



September 29, 2005

Office of Petroleum Reserves
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC

Re: Expansion Petroleum Reserve
Perry County

To Donald Silawsky:

In response to your request for information dated September 13, 2005, I have searched our database for occurrences of state or federally listed species and other special concern animals and plants on and within 2 miles of the site referenced above.

Located on the enclosed Richton quad map in Perry County were several reported occurrences of special concern species. Please see the table below for a list of these species/ communities:

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	FED	STATE	STATE RANK
PTERONOTROPIS WELAKA	BLUENOSE SHINER			S3
PITUOPHIS MELANOLEUCUS LODINGI	BLACK PINE SNAKE	C	LE	S2

The Mississippi Natural Heritage Program (MNHP) has compiled a database that is the most complete source of information about Mississippi's rare, threatened, endangered or otherwise significant plants, animals, plant communities and natural features. The quantity and quality of data collected by MNHP are dependent on the research and observations of many individuals and organizations. In many cases, this information is not the result of comprehensive or site-specific field surveys; most natural areas in Mississippi have not been thoroughly surveyed, and new occurrences of plant and animal species are often discovered. Heritage reports summarize the existing information known to the MNHP at the time of the request and cannot always be considered a definitive statement on the presence, absence or condition of biological elements on a particular site.

Please feel free to contact us if we can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Clark, Biological GIS Technician
Mississippi Natural Heritage Program

Preserving Natural Mississippi

